

# ROXBURY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 10, 2022

**Attendees:** J. Vitiello, T. Fragale, B. Benkendorf, S. Ricucci, A. Gale; council liason F. Hall

Absent: Lisa Darling

**Public:** A. Van Benschoeten, A. Mauro,  
(Roxbury High School Environmental Club) M. Stierch

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order 7p.m

### **Matters Presented by the Public:**

Public expressed thanks that meeting is now on the Township electronic calendar.

Question on notification of residents of impacted streets by utility companies doing work. The town notifies residents when the town performs street work, but the utility companies do not seem to notify the residents or the town when roads are impacted for water or gas hookups or length of project. F.Hall to discuss communication process with town manager.

### **Matters Presented by Commissioners:**

Effort should be made by floating secretary to provide minutes within 2 weeks after meeting so they can be voted at next meeting.

Scouts are looking for projects

Suggestions:

- Monitor/Clean/Summarize collections from monofilament boxes

  - Does Recycling Dept. do this already?

  - A. Gale suggested box in Port Morris Park (update: already one there)

- Participate in starting/maintaining the Pollinator Garden

- Rehab existing Eagle Scout projects (e.g. tool station)

- Move display off gate to posts, take down by-laws sign.

- Weed/mulch/trim pathways and/or unused plots

What are the implications of installing a soil/sod berm on the swamp side of the Emmans Road dog park to reduce flooding and prevent waste from entering water. Town is looking into raising the playing fields, as well.

Do we want to invest in reusable bags to pass out? Or printed carabiners for keeping bags handy, also pass out. T. Fragale looking into volumes/pricing.

Questions have been raised about flooding on Main St. Ledgewood. The dam on Ledgewood pond does not appear to be affecting this. Potential increases in runoff from Mooney Mt. due to landfill capping will be investigated.

### **Stream Clean up**

Date is Saturday April 23, 2022

- 2 Sites again this year
  - Black River Park
  - Roxbury High School at the Ledgewood/Morris Canal Park

### **Garden update:**

Most plots have been renewed/assigned

Proposal issued to suggest persons who may be waitlisted can assist in the Food Pantry plots until a plot becomes available.

Is it desirable to update the Garden By-Laws? This issue has been raised before, but shelved during COVID slowdown.

A. Gale to coordinate with L. Darling on spring opening meeting, installation of portable toilet and water turn-on.

### **Other Matters:**

H.S. Environmental Club has built bat-boxes and is looking for place to install.

Walkthrough of Community Garden is scheduled with the H.S Environmental club on May 18.

### **Administrative Matters:**

#### **Budget Update-**

2022 budget approval expected week of Feb. 14 (likely to be same as last year)

ANJEC dues have been sent.

A.Gale will submit garden purchase receipts from 2021 for reimbursement

**Planning Board Update- None**

Next meeting March 10, 7 pm

Meeting closed 8:06 pm

After adjournment the Commission reviewed a proposed application from the planning board for J & R Transport LOCATION: 6 Lenel Road for comments.